

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 13-21 are presented in this application. Claims 10-12 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-9 and 18-20 have been amended. Claims 3-9 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies for the purpose of reducing fees. Claims 18, 19, 20 have been amended to delete the "e.g." phrase, which added nothing to the claims. Claim 19 has been rewritten to in a more appropriate form for US patent examination.


Applicants have amended the specification for purposes of adding the priority information. Further, appropriate headings have been inserted on accordance to 37 CFR 1.77. Applicants have attached an Abstract on a separate sheet of paper as required by US practice.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early consideration and Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

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